

PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
Of the
Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Public Safety & Public Information Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **October 26, 2004**.

Members Present:

Legislator Angie Carpenter • Chairperson

Legislator Pete O'Leary • Vice•Chair

Legislator David Bishop

Legislator William Lindsay

Legislator Daniel Losquadro

Legislator Lynne Nowick

Also In Attendance:

Mea Knapp • Counsel to the Legislature

Linda Bay • Aide to Presiding Officer Caracappa

Alexandra Sullivan • Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature

Doug Sutherland • Aide to Legislator Carpenter

Ed Hogan • Aide to Legislator Nowick

Nick Dispenziere • Aide to Legislator Nowick

Paul Perillie • Aide to Legislator Foley

Colleen McKenna•Ansanelli • Legislator David Bishop's Office

Jim Spero • Director of Budget Review Office

Ben Zwirn • Assistant Deputy County Executive

Adam Santiago • County Executive Assistant

Ken Knappe • County Executive's Budget Office

Jacqueline Caputi • Assistant County Attorney

Alan Otto • Chief of Staff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Donald S. Sullivan • Under•Sheriff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

Walter W. Denzler • Under•Sheriff/Suffolk County Sheriff's Office
Richard Dormer • Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department
Roger Shannon • Deputy Commissioner/Suffolk County Police Department
Thomas W. Reichert • Suffolk County Police Department
Thaddeus Nieves • Suffolk County Police Department
Bill Gardner • Suffolk County Police Department
David H. Fischler • Commissioner of FRES
Joseph Williams • Deputy Commissioner of FRES
Stuart Cameron • SCPD Special Patrol Bureau
Harold Jantzen • SCPD Marine Bureau
John Desmond • Director/Suffolk County Probation Department
Debbie Eppel • Director/Public Information Office
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Lucia Braaten • Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 1:27 p.m.*)

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I would just ask all members of the Public Safety Committee to, please, come to the auditorium, so we could begin. Sorry for the delay.

All right. Let us begin the Public Safety Committee meeting. And I would ask Legislator Losquadro to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Salutation)

Good afternoon, and welcome to the Public Safety Committee, and I apologize for the delay. We had two committees before us that kind of got backed up, but we are here, and based on what I see here with the agenda, it should be a rather quick meeting today. Okay. We are •• we've got a pretty short agenda.

The Police Commissioner has requested the opportunity to address the Committee on one of the resolutions, so Commissioner Dormer, if you would like to come forward, and if you'd like to

invite anyone with you. Just come sit at the table.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Rich.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Thank you very much. And I appreciate you taking me ahead of everybody else, and I do •• I really have a meeting at the District Court at two, so I thank everybody for letting me get first.

LEG. BISHOP:

If you'd be quick, you'd get right out.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

This is never quick. But I think you're going to be easy on me today. I'm not recovered from yesterday.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

No, we weren't too bad.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Oh, you said O'Leary wasn't here, but he is here.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, he heard you were here, so he ran in from the back.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Someone said to me, "Your favorite Commissioner is here."

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

And Legislator O'Leary and I are going to take DARE training ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

No, I'm not.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

•• over holiday recess.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yeah, I want to be there to watch that.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Speak for yourself, Commissioner, I'm not going to be there.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Please, whenever you're ready, go right ahead.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Okay. I •• there's a resolution introduced by the Presiding Officer at the request of the County Executive, and it's asking or requesting that the new Sixth Precinct, which will be open shortly, be named the Daniel P. Guido Sixth Precinct.

Some of you here are familiar with Commissioner Guido, who passed away very shortly after he retired from the Police Department in Suffolk County. He came here in 1988 at a time when the Suffolk County Police Department was under extreme pressure from all sides. Some of you that have been around that long remember that time, and Commissioner Guido was a very steady hand, very professional police administrator who got the ship of Suffolk County Police back on track.

And he was a Police Commissioner who loved patrol, the patrol officers and the people on patrol. He called it the backbone of policing, and he really meant that. He also was a man of integrity, unmatched. And I think, again, that people that knew him know exactly what I'm talking about. He was also a Commissioner that did it his way, which was the right way. He didn't worry about the consequences, as long as he was doing it the right way.

A lot of programs that he introduced are still in effect today, Domestic Violence Response by the

Police Department. The Domestic Violence Bureau is now a model throughout the state and the country, that just to name one.

He also introduced the COPE, which I know all of you are in love with. And at that time, he mentioned to me, you're going to have to deal with the COPE issue years from now, so he was a visionary. And he also had our officers on the street trained as EMT's, first Police Department to do that. He saw that as another service to our citizens. And he knew it was an expensive proposition, but it would save lives. And even if it only saved one life, he thought it was worth it.

So, I would respectfully request or ask that you endorse this resolution, naming the Sixth Precinct after one of our most distinguished Police Commissioners, Daniel P. Guido. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any questions for the Commissioner? I just have one. Did Commissioner Guido reside in Suffolk County?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Yes, he did. At his own •• he made the decision himself to resign, and ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

No, no, no, no. My question was did he reside ••

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

•• in Suffolk County?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Yes, he resided in Suffolk County. That was one of the requirements of a Commissioner, I believe, in Suffolk County, you have to live within the confines of the County, and he lived in Dix Hills.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Are there any questions, comments?

LEG. O'LEARY:

I have a question.

CHAIRWOMAN CARPENTER:

Certainly, Legislator O'Leary.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Commissioner, I, too, knew this man personally. I'm just curious as to where the initiative came forward from? Is it •• this is your initiative personally?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Yes.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Or is it coming from some other source?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

No, this is from me personally.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Okay. Have you taken into account the areas surrounding the Sixth Precinct that's •• the area that's covered there and the various civic associations that are involved in that particular area with respect to this initiative?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Well ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

In other words, have you touched base with the various civic associations that are a direct impact on •• in that particular area?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

No, not directly. I haven't asked for their •• you know, their input into this decision, but they know about it, and I've had no negative comments or response. The minority community, and I think that that's what you're talking about, was one of the things that Commissioner Dan Guido paid attention to when he was Police Commissioner. He was the one that •• you know, COPE was community oriented policing and they policed the minority communities. That was their original purpose, the high crime areas, to respond to the minority citizens. He was •• he opened up communications with minority communities. He was very much involved in our community•oriented policing endeavors at that time. He was the first Police Commissioner to introduce problem oriented policing, which is POP, which is now a buzz word in the policing circle. But I don't anticipate that anybody would have any objection to Commissioner Guido, having the Precinct named after Commissioner Guido.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Just to correct you, sir, it has nothing to do with the minority community as has to do with the civic associations that are in that particular area. And I know that once this came to their attention, they did bring forth some concern, just so you're aware of this, and perhaps you should maybe reach out to them for purposes of •• you know, they had •• they had other options. No other precincts are named after individuals in the County, are they?

LEG. BISHOP:

George Frees.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Yes, they're named after police ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

The First •• the First ••

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

They're named after police ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

First Precinct?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

•• either police officers or police officials. The Headquarters Building is ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

John Barry.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

•• John Barry.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yes.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Fifth Precinct is Sergeant Henck, and the First Precinct ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

First Precinct, George Frees.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

George Frees.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

So, we have a history of doing this, and I would respectfully submit that the police buildings be named after police officers or somebody that worked in the Police Department in an official capacity. That's the history of the precincts here and the precinct buildings. It's the history in the police departments throughout the country.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

May I ask, how long was he Commissioner? How long was he with the Suffolk County Police Department?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Almost five years.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And is there any reason why you chose the Sixth over the precinct in which he resided?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Well, they •• that precinct was already •• this is a new Precinct, and it hasn't been ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, it's a new building, it's not a new precinct.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

No, I mean, a new building.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Right.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

That's what I meant.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

New precinct building. No, we didn't, we didn't decide to go to any other precinct. The Sixth Precinct was opening up brand new. There's going to be an opening ceremony. We thought it would be appropriate to do it at that time.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? All right. Thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Commissioner, Legislator Nowick •• Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Legislator Nowick just raised the question, when is the opening of the Sixth Precinct scheduled for?

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Well, we're not sure when the opening is, but you will be notified. They're going to move into the precinct first, then they have to move in the furnishings, all the equipment, the computers and phones, and, you know, all the equipment that they need.

LEG. NOWICK:

That's fine.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

So, we're not sure. It could be a couple of months, but we'll give lead time to this committee. You'll be made aware of when it's opening, when we have an opening ceremony. And thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER DORMER:

Thank you.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Gee, maybe we'll have a Precinct named after Peter O'Leary.

LEG. O'LEARY:

I hope you don't have to be dead for that to occur.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Maybe the Pete O'Leary Bomb Squad, or something.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I would ask Commissioner Jantzen to come forward. We've got a resolution, 1989, that has been reintroduced, to come speak on.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR JANTZEN:

Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to discuss a vessel that we've been seeking for nearly two years now.

What has occurred in the last two years is a patrol boat, that was designated the marine Romeo boat, had a majored hull failure after thirteen years of service. This boat was used predominantly by supervisors, which takes on a slightly different purpose. The typical crew for our boats is a two•man crew and they operate everything from the smaller 22•foot Boston Whalers up to the 40•foot North Shore Thomas constructed aluminum boats. The supervisor boat is something that is selected for a variety of different reasons. It doesn't necessarily have to be the most high speed or the most capable, as far as transporting injured persons, but is a boat that is generally operated by one person. So, for that, we did a variety of demonstrations with different products constructed predominantly of fiber glass, however, we did include a couple of aluminum boats in this.

And it appears as though the catamaran, this Glacier Bay catamaran product, which is unique in its design, it's a departure from what most catamaran manufacturers are offering these days, since they offer a planing hull catamaran. This is a displacement hull catamaran. So, what it does is important to us by making a softer ride in the choppy waters around Long Island, particularly in the Great South Bay and the Long Island Sound. This boat probably would not be our first choice to leave either one of those bodies of water and into the ocean.

However, supervisors are usually not going to take a single•man boat out into the ocean in adverse weather conditions, so that's very little concern to us.

The boat itself is constructed on the West Coast and has a very good track record for reliability. And in an effort to attract some attention to their new style, they've actually left with two Honda engines from North Carolina and drove this outboard boat to Bermuda, which is about 600 miles out in the Atlantic Ocean. I'm convinced that it's a good product, it's a soft ride, it's reliable, and it's easily handled by a single boat operator.

We have gone for more than 12 months without the marine Romeo boat in service, and it has on occasion caused us to have supervisors out in open boats when they should have been in a cabin boat, which is the design of this catamaran.

We're seeking to have the boat purchased as soon as possible. And the good news about it is it doesn't have a necessarily long build time, because the boat is modular in construction when it comes to selecting interior options. So, the hulls are constructed and then the interior selection is more or less tailor•made to the application. We can select it with everything from additional captains chairs. And if you were to make a similar type purchase for some consumer use, you could also get it with lounge chairs, you could get it with coolers, you could get it with fighting chairs. But since most of that stuff is not of use to us, we can take advantage of the additional space. And also the fact it is a full cabin boat with enclosure, it can be used 12 months out of the year.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, thank you very much, Inspector Jantzen. Does anyone have any questions? I just •• Legislator Binder, who chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, whose resolution this is, seems to feel that this was assigned to our committee in error, that it should be assigned to his. Since he's the sponsor of the resolution, I will acquiesce, and this is going to be reassigned to his committee on Thursday. But he assures me that it will be passing, but it probably would be helpful if you could go to that committee on Thursday. Does anyone know off•hand what time that committee is meeting?

MS. KNAPP:

One o'clock.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

One o'clock?

DEPUTY INSPECTOR JANTZEN:

Thank you very much. I'll be there.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

If that's not a problem.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR JANTZEN:

Not a problem at all.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Madam Chair, I mean, isn't this unusual that any equipment for the Police Department would not come before safety? That seems bizarre to me.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, it did to me, too. But, again, since he was the sponsor of the resolution, I •• and it is the Capital Budget that the offset is coming from. I mean, if the committee feels strongly about it, we could approve it here and let him address it also on Tuesday, but I did tell him that I would allow this ••

LEG. LINDSAY:

I think we should do that. I'm very reluctant •• I'm very reluctant for this committee to give up the authority to approve any expenditures for the Police Department to another committee.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Well, having heard that comment, do we have a motion?

LEG. O'LEARY:

I'll make a motion to approve.

(1989•04 • Amending the 2004 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the purchase of a catamaran patrol vessel•police (CP 3151)

(Binder).

LEG. NOWICK:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

A motion by Legislator O'Leary, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed?
The resolution is **approved unanimously**.

(Vote: 6•0•0•0)

DEPUTY INSPECTOR JANTZEN:

Should I keep open in my schedule Thursday at one, or are we good to go?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

(Nodded yes)

LEG. BISHOP:

No, you should.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR JANTZEN:

Thank you. Thank you for your support, I appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Okay. Let us go to the agenda.

LEG. BISHOP:

I have •• I can wait until after the agenda, but I have a couple of questions for some of the people here. You want to do that now or ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right. It's up to you. It probably is just as well to bring them up. Who do you have questions for?

LEG. BISHOP:

Mr. Fischler and the FRES folks.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Commissioner Fischler and anyone from FRES, if you could come forward.

LEG. BISHOP:

Brief. Good afternoon. I had to attend another meeting while you were speaking at the Budget hearing yesterday, so I just wanted to follow up on what you said. I tried to get my question asked through Legislator Lindsay ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Okay. Please, ask.

LEG. BISHOP:

•• who made a noble effort.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

I wasn't at the budget hearing either.

LEG. BISHOP:

Oh, it wasn't you, somebody else. My question is this. The REMSCO mandates that have come down or coming down on a call confirmation system, I know in my neck of the woods in Babylon there's a cost associated with that, and I intend in the budget process to address that, but I don't know if it's reflected in your budget proposal for the County PSAP ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

No, it isn't.

LEG. BISHOP:

•• which services Brookhaven and ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

I think you're talking about whether Babylon Central is looking at an automated call•in system.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right, software.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Right, and the hardware goes with it. That's not included in ours.

LEG. BISHOP:

And you don't want it to be? You're •• I mean, how are you going to be able to ••

LEG. VILORIA • FISHER:

We haven't seen it, we're •• we haven't seen it work yet, you know, to •• one of the issues is the numbers that will be involved. There •• the departments who would be using it would be a small number of departments when we're talking county•wide system, and there was a question that •• whether it was capable of handling all the departments that we do. It may be •• we may have too many people calling in for that system to handle. We're waiting to get some more information before we look at it further.

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, how •• I mean, when the mandate occurs, they'll •• you have to meet the mandate, right? I mean, there's no transition time. So, is there a plan to meet the mandate?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Well, we did include in your Operating Budget request personnel to be dedicated to that call•in system. We only •• we asked for five dispatchers, two supervisors. We only received two dispatchers, so we would be ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Wouldn't it be more prudent to explore whether technology cannot only meet the ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

We are exploring it, but we're not sure if it will be able to handle the volume that we do compared to what Babylon Central does.

LEG. BISHOP:

No, but you're not sure. There should be some sort of mechanism to ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

We are. We're ••

LEG. BISHOP:

•• explore, is what I'm saying.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

We're talking to the people who operate the system, you know, and seeing if there's similar applications of that magnitude anywhere else in the country.

LEG. BISHOP:

Okay. Thank you.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Just what I told you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Exactly what he told you, yeah. Are there any other questions? And I was distracted for a moment, but I think everyone met the new Deputy Commissioner yesterday; yes?

LEG. BISHOP:

Hello.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Good.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

If you haven't, this is Joe Williams. Joe was appointed Deputy Commissioner two weeks ago. He's an Ex•Chief, Ex•Commissioner of Holbrook Fire Department, retired FDNY Lieutenant, worked in the corporate world as a vice president for Spartan Motors on a national basis, and most then recently worked as a Fire Safety Director for Boston Properties, which manages major properties throughout the country, one of them in •• and he worked out of New York

City, and one of the buildings would be •• the Citicorp Center was one of their buildings. So, Joe, he's been •• I've known him personally for many years and will be an asset to our operation.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you. Okay.

LEG. BISHOP:

I have questions for Under•Sheriff Sullivan.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. You're off the hot seat.

LEG. BISHOP:

A moment.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And if the representatives of the Sheriffs Department would come forward, Legislator Bishop has some questions.

LEG. BISHOP:

I'll be brief.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Some brief questions. I received a copy of a letter sent to the County Executive from the Department of the Air Force that I think everyone has a copy of in front them, if you would just take note.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yesterday's presentation, it was •• you're looking to ••

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Pardon me, I didn't hear you, Mr. Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

I said, in yesterday's presentation, you're requesting \$900,000 for the DWI Facility. Is that for next year or this year?

UNDERSHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Well, first of all, Under•Sheriff Denzler should ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Address that?

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

•• address this question, but I think it's coming up in the next committee meeting, Public Works.

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

That's to address security concerns at that building that have to be done now during the construction phase.

LEG. BISHOP:

So, it's immediate money in the 2004?

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

Yeah, correct, yes.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Correct.

LEG. BISHOP:

I just have a couple of questions, because I'm trying to reconcile the request with some of the discussion that we had last year. At that time, I was asking why don't we put the DWI facility into the new jail, and the response was, essentially, that it's important that the DWI facility feel different than a jail, not be a jail. It's therapeutic, it's minimum security, it's dormitory style.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Right.

LEG. BISHOP:

You know, I have minutes to that effect.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Right, like that.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right. And then I just read in the BRO report that the fundamental rationale for the additional security is to increase the classification types at the jail. So I'm ••

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

Yeah. What that means ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah.

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

•• right now, somebody could be recommended, say, to go to the DWI facility, but because of the classification on that individual would preclude us from actually sending that person to the DWI facility. This will enable us to put more people in that facility than we could have under the existing building. The kinds of changes that we're talking about, it's the type of ceilings that are going to go in, the type of locks that are going to be on the doors, those are the kind of changes that this money is going to address.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Mr. Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yes.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

We want to put people with substance abuse problems into the new facility instead of just

people with alcohol abuse problems. When you lock up people with substance abuses, you're much more likely to be locking them up for Class A, B and C felonies and you change their classification snapshot.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

And you wouldn't be able •• in the continuing dialogue between us for the last few years, we agree that people who have substance abuse and who are in the criminal are better served if they can be given some kind of programmatic treatment. Well, right now, that's not possible if it's only a DWI facility. And those •• that building has to be hardened, so that if you lock up a lot •• young man at 24 years old on a Class B Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance, who also happens to be a crack addict, you might be able to put him in there.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right, and I appreciate that answer. It's just that last year, you said it's important that the folks in the DWI facility feel that they're not in a jail, and so I'm trying to reconcile the hardening of the facility with the policy goal that was articulated last year, which is to have something that's very distinct from a jail and not a jail-like setting.

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

It's got to be hard enough in its infrastructure to be a jail without looking like a jail, and if you put it into the •• a large correctional facility, then that problem will arise. It's not going to feel like a place where a person can go and get treatment with their substance abuse problems. But you still need a concrete ceiling if you're going to put people in there charged with B and C felonies.

LEG. BISHOP:

And that wasn't •• and that's a new development? I mean, we just realized that recently or ••

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Not just realized it, it's been the evolution of the •• the DWI facility was on the books six years ago.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Quite frankly, it was ••

LEG. BISHOP:

But without concrete.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Without concrete. As a DWI facility, to put people who were locked up for DWI, and who were sentenced to a treatment sequence.

LEG. BISHOP:

So, the evolution is to now include other substance abuse problems and to harden the facility.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

We want to include other substance abuse problems, and to do so, you have to harden the facility.

LEG. BISHOP:

And you feel that that's not going to compromise the fundamental goal of the facility, which is to treat DWI in a more hospital•like setting.

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

As an example, the ceilings were mentioned as one of the things that have to be changed. The ceilings that were originally going to go in there were pop•up ceilings ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

•• that we know, especially when you're talking about drug abuse, and we have found this in

certain parts of the jail in Riverhead which have had to have ceiling changed on them in that that becomes a hiding place for things.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah.

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

So, that's one •• just one of the examples.

LEG. BISHOP:

No, there's •• I don't doubt that if you're going to expand the classifications of people that you accept in the facility that you have to change its character. But the question is ••

UNDER•SHERIFF DENZLER:

We want •• we want to be able to treat more people.

LEG. BISHOP:

I guess what I'm getting at is, I mean, the thrust last year was that we needed something that was soft and hospital•like, and this year, it's now we need something that's hard and flexible, so I'm trying to figure out ••

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Mr. Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

•• why that changed.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

We want a place to put people to treat them for wider kinds of substance abuse ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

•• and that's an evolving policy of ours, quite frankly ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

•• over the last two years. No, to answer your question bluntly, we're not trying to build another big prison and call it a substance abuse center and the stick high security risk prisoners in there because we tricked you into building another big top prison, no.

LEG. BISHOP:

I didn't ask that, but that's a good question.

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

But that's where we're going with this conversation and that's what your questions are about.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah, could be, right, okay.

UNDER-SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

No. What we want to be able to do is to take young people who have substance abuse and perhaps with the evolution of program, and these programs are not yet in place, but if we don't have an infrastructure for it, they'll never have a place to go, no matter what judge, or prosecutor, or sheriff thinks them up in the future. We want to be able to treat people with substance abuse problems within the correctional system, and right now, we don't have that facility.

LEG. BISHOP:

I'll just ask one last question, then. I said earlier I don't doubt that you need to change it, but now I'm sitting here saying maybe I should doubt that. Have you asked Probation, and I guess other experts who do these treatment programs for other substance abuses other than alcohol, whether it does need to be hardened, or is that a Sheriff's determination?

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

That's a correctional •• your old friends at the State Correction of Commission (sic). You can't take a fellow who's charged with a Class B or C felony and put them into a soft correctional system, such as we have with the old DWI building. You can't put them there.

LEG. BISHOP:

And the possessions are Class B's and C's?

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Yep, mostly •• some D's, but, yes. And it's not just possessions. Frequently, you have people who come in even on violent crimes ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, that's ••

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Who we would ••

LEG. BISHOP:

You wouldn't want to put them in there, would you?

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

But they have a weapon, or whatever. But we may all agree that the •• one of the primary problems with this person is they're a crack addict, but they had a gun in their pocket, or they had a knife in their pocket, or they were involved in an assault or a stick•up. It might still be appropriate, as we evolve our correctional attitudes and our abilities and our programs, to put somebody in a place where they're going to get help with their underlying chemical abuse problem and not just address the fact that they need to be in jail because of a crime.

LEG. BISHOP:

Okay. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

UNDER•SHERIFF SULLIVAN:

Are we done?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Done. Thank you so much.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

Okay. We're going to move to the agenda. ***Resolution 1582 (Streamline Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coordination and improve response time (Bishop).*** Legislator Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

Table for one more cycle.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table.

LEG. BISHOP:

I do want to say one thing.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:

So members know, that the resolution has been revised and I'm intending on moving it at the next meeting. It is •• no longer speaks to the REMSCO mandates, REMSCO is doing that administratively, but it does do what the Director of Emergency Medical Services has asked for and is frustrated with, which is to get a uniform reporting system from the Department to the County. So, it's really a reporting bill now, it's no longer about 90 minutes •• 90%, nine minutes, or the full ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Did everyone receive, I just got it today and I did not get a chance to stop by the office before I headed over this way, a copy of a resolution passed by Riverhead in opposition to this resolution?

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah, they're responding to the old resolution.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. So, perhaps you may ••

LEG. BISHOP:

They may oppose the new one, but the point of the resolution is not about the mandates that REMSCO is doing, and that's what these departments are objecting to. It's now about the reporting system, so that the Emergency Medical Service Unit of the Health Department has the data on all the departments in the County and that it's collected in a uniform manner.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. But you might want to share the new resolution with Riverhead.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Thank you, and we appreciate that. So, we have a motion and a second by Legislator Nowick to table. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is ***tabled (Vote: 6•0•0•0).***

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

I.R. 1890 • Authorizing the creation of a Suffolk County Citizens Corps Council to develop and coordinate volunteer programs to assist emergency responders (Co. Exec).

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table by Legislator O'Leary, I will second that. All those in favor?

LEG. LINDSAY:

On the question.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

On the question, Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Why would we want to table it? What's the objection to this? Is there something that I'm missing here?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, I have to tell you ••

LEG. LINDSAY:

We have FRES here.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Did you want to come forward ••

LEG. LINDSAY:

Yeah, good.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

•• David, to speak on this? Dave, are you prepared to speak to this?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Yes. Citizen Corps Council is an initiative from U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It was •
• originally evolved out in California after the Oak Ridge earthquakes where they found out that in many areas, Emergency Services were unable to get to the local citizens for a substantial period of time. There was no road network, there was impassable areas, and many of the citizens were on their own for that period of time. And they developed a Citizen Corps Council, which gave basic skills to the development of some basic first aid, taking care of their community, their little blocks that they lived in.

We are a recipient and this body has already approved the acceptance of a grant from New York State that was from the Department of Homeland Security to create a Citizen Corps. Council, and we have an interim running. Our first graduation of the group occurs December 2nd, I believe. What it is, there are four components currently in Citizens Corps. Council. One is a Community Emergency Response Team, which gets the training similar to what the groups in California have received, the first aid, the basic fire•fighting skills, community control, how to communicate with local authorities. We in that group have partnered with the American Red Cross and have expanded that training to include shelter management. It's our intention to use those people.

One of the things that we did look at in assessing our shelter programs along with the Red Cross is we know the Red Cross is responsible for the shelter program within the County. The sheltering, they were looking for assistance in developing shelter managers. Our certain members are working •• will work in the shelters. We are going to deploy them as their function as shelter management people.

Our second group with Legislator •• excuse me, Councilperson Horsely in the Babylon Town area has developed a group of veterans who are going to be our next class from the Babylon Town area to do that function also, to become members of the Community Emergency Response Teams, but be assigned to shelters within their community where it's people who will be showing up will know other people. It will be neighbor and neighbor working together.

The second one is volunteers in policing, and that's basically our auxiliary police program that •
• what's called volunteers in policing, and we've had an active auxiliary police program since I don't know how long, but, you know, tens of years.

The next one is the Medical Reserve Corps. It's the development of medical professionals who are retired, no longer working directly with patients, so that in a mass casualty event or biological incident where we are short of medical personnel, we can draw upon that, on those people.

And the last one that was just implemented within the last few months is a fire corps, which will provide assistance to local fire departments in terms of doing other things than fighting fires, allowing the fire fighters and EMS people to go out, do their job, but do •• take care of

paperwork, education, if it so •• if they requested to, and do those things to assist, maybe work in computers, work with record keeping, filing reports, grant writing, and those likes. It's a program that exists already in Nassau County, there's a program that exists in New York City. It's basically being adopted throughout the United States.

This allows this body to, I believe, appoint five individuals to it. There are nine people that are currently serving on the interim board, which is listed in the resolution. The county Exec would appoint four people, I believe that's the number, four or five.

We ask that this resolution go forward, so that we can be •• continue to receive the grants as we've already •• this body has already approved the initial funding of this program. With that, Legislator O'Leary, is there anything I can answer, any questions or your concerns of why you would want to table it?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yeah. I'm •• the reason for my tabling, Dave, is my questioning of the makeup of the council itself. I mean, I have some questions as to why the •• why the Executive Director of the Family Service League would be on this council by resolution, why the President of the HIA, you know, would be on it.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

The President of the HIA because of the Medical Reserve Corps component. They have the •• excuse me, not HIA. I was thinking the Hospital Council.

LEG. O'LEARY:

No, the Hauppauge Industrial Association.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Because there's a resource of people that they •• it's supposed to bring a partnership of local human services, businesses, government together to coordinate these efforts. So, it's all •• reaches all aspects of local operations, and not only government, but business, community •• right.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

•• human resources •• human services that are supplied. Each one of those Family Service Leagues has a very active program, and they're just giving advice on how the program operates and direction.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, and another point is that you have a representative of the American Red Cross on the council, but not the Salvation Army; is there a reason for that?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

The Red Cross at the time, because the Red Cross is the agency responsible to •• for the shelters, and this is nationally, is their mandate to provide shelter operations, and in that we have partnered with them to provide the Community Emergency Response Team members to become shelter managers and shelter operations officers, is why we included. Any •• this body can add the Salvation Army, that's what's nice about this. There is a flexibility to add.

This was an interim council that was only picked to get it up and running, so we could get the grant, the initial funding, start the classes, and start the process. So, this body, or the County Exec, has the option to add the Salvation Army. I would recommend that, and I think that would be a good option. But the Red Cross was there because of the uniqueness in the shelter program.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, that's my point, we haven't had an opportunity to review this and review the makeup of the council, if you will. So, I mean, I would only suggest to my colleagues that we table it for one cycle for that purpose. I'm also a bit concerned about the •• about the five and the four. Why is it not four and four or five and five by the County Exec and the Legislature?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

I think we gave you the one•up.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

No, actually it was the other way around.

LEG. O'LEARY:

No, it's the other way around.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Oh.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yeah.

LEG. O'LEARY:

It's the other way around.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

And, quite frankly, some of the ••

LEG. BISHOP:

That's rare, never executive.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yeah, isn't that •• right.

LEG. O'LEARY:

But it doesn't make it right.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, and some of the appointments that are on there are really County Executive people.

LEG. BISHOP:

Except on EMHP when it serves its purpose.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

That's eight and eight.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

David, thank you very much for, you know, advocating for this, and we appreciate it. And it sounds like it should be good.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Can I ask him a question?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Certainly, Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. LINDSAY:

How much money did we get from the grant, and when do •• how long do we have to act on before we lose the money?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

We're already •• we're already spending it right now, and that's because of the materials and the training that's currently going on.

LEG. LINDSAY:

My question, Dave, though, is if we go along with this tabling motion for everybody ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

It won't affect anything at this initial go•around for future plans.

LEG. LINDSAY:

We're not jeopardizing anything.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Not at this point.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

The bill's twelve•thirty•one•0•five in the backup.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Then we have a motion and a second to table. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is ***tabled (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***.

LEG. BISHOP:

Give Pete a cycle to study the makeup.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. ***I.R. 1942 • Amending the (2004) Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the replacement of ITT radio towers (Southampton) (CP 3237) (Co. Exec).***

LEG. O'LEARY:

I make a motion to approve.

LEG. BISHOP:

Explanation.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion by Legislator O'Leary, second by Legislator Lindsay, and an explanation. Jim, do you want to address that?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

We're going to build a new tower.

MR. SPERO:

This would be to construct a new tower out in Southampton to replace the existing tower that's now in use by the Police Department for the County•wide 800 megahertz radio system. It's \$445,000. The offset is the interim backup fire rescue communications facility equipment.

LEG. BISHOP:

Which we're never going to buy or ••

MR. SPERO:

I mean, I'm not sure why that's being used as an offset. I don't recall if it's been rescheduled for next year.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I see we have a representative from the County Exec's Budget Office. Perhaps you want to explain that offset.

MR. KNAPPE:

It was explained to me by the •• by members of the Budget Office that deal with the capital projects that the planning money has been appropriated and the planning phase is currently going on. As far as the construction phase, there has been no environmental impact study completed or initiated. And because SEQRA and CEQ will not be addressing this in 2004, the capital project appropriations would not be able to go forward at this time. Once it does get approved by the CEQ group, we can look in 2005 for offsets in the Capital Budget to move forward with it.

LEG. BISHOP:

You're speaking to the offset or to the resolution?

MR. KNAPPE:

Speaking on why we chose that as an offset.

LEG. BISHOP:

Okay.

MR. KNAPPE:

Unfortunately, we could not go forward and appropriate that capital project, so we were looking around at offsets. We've explained to this committee that viability of offsets is difficult in the Capital Budget this year, and we chose this as an offset, because we would not be able to go forward in '04 to appropriate the money because the environmental impact.

LEG. BISHOP:

And there's enough money in that project in for '05, or it's going to be an add in '05?

MR. KNAPPE:

We were going to have to make decisions in 2005 if it's the discretion of the County Executive and Legislature to go forward with this project, the offsetted project in '05. We will have to work on an offset at that time.

LEG. BISHOP:

When I first •• when Legislator Carpenter and I first came on board, we did the 800 megahertz system. Is this tower from then, or it's preceding, or it's the ••

MR. KNAPPE:

I would have to defer to see if there's anybody from the Police Department to speak specifically on the communications tower. I was just speaking on the offset itself.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

There's a gentlemen in the audience, he seems prepared to do that. And, in the meantime, Jim, can you speak to this issue of the offset?

MR. SPERO:

Well, if the FRES project is ready to be •• to move next year after the SEQRA process is complete, then, as Ken pointed out, we'd have to find another offset to advance that project.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right.

LEG. BISHOP:

Oh, right, that's true.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Sir, if you want to identify yourself?

MR. GARDNER:

My name is Bill Gardner.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you, Ken.

MR. GARDNER:

Suffolk County Police Department in Technical Service. It is an existing tower. It was part of the original system. It's a 60 year old tower. It's been there since ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Right, that's what I was looking for.

MR. GARDNER:

•• prior to 1940.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

It was before us, David.

LEG. BISHOP:

Sixty years is ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Yeah.

LEG. BISHOP:

•• a little before us. Okay, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right. Thank you very much. All right. We have a motion. Do we have a motion?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yes, it was my motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is ***approved (Vote: 6•0•0 •0)***.

I.R. 1960 • Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal funds (to the New York State

Unified Court System for a contract with the Suffolk County Department of Probation and authorizing the County Executive to execute grant related agreements (Co. Exec). I'm going to make a motion to approve and put on the Consent Calendar.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Second by Legislator O'Leary. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is approved **(Vote: 6 •0•0•0)**.

I.R. 1961 • Authorizing the Police Department and the Department of Health Services and Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services to increase their fleet by one (1) vehicle each for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY 2004 (Co. Exec). Motion by Legislator Nowick, second by Legislator ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Explanation.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

•• Lindsay, and an explanation. Is someone ••

LEG. BISHOP:

It seems like a very un•Levy•like resolution.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Total of three vehicles.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

It's a total of three vehicles.

LEG. BISHOP:

And how are they going to improve homeland security?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Well, we have been a recipient of trailers from New York State through the Department of Homeland Security funds. Each trailer has ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Oh, these are trailers, these are not ••

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

No, no.

LEG. BISHOP:

Oh.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Trailers that will •• in those trailers are sophisticated monitoring equipment ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Right.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

•• entry equipment, decontamination equipment. These vehicles were used to jockey around. In addition, we have purchased additional trailers. We have approximately 16 trailers strategically placed throughout the County. In addition, what we •• in a addition, we have pharmaceutical •• similar like for the Health Department.

LEG. BISHOP:

This is a grant to buy cars from the federal government?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

No, it's a •• it's a grant to buy a lot different things and provide training, training exercises, equipment to the First Responders for •• to be able to respond to a terrorist incident. These trailers •• these vehicles will be used to jockey, to move the trailers. In addition, there will be slide•out backs, they're pickup trucks.

LEG. BISHOP:

So, the trailers don't have a motor, the trailers have to be trailed around.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Right.

LEG. BISHOP:

Hence the name "trailer", right?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Right, good.

LEG. BISHOP:

Okay. And these are the cars that are going to move the trailers around.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Right, so we, you know •• and, in addition, they will have slide•out backs, because there'll be equipment stored in them also, stockpiles of pharmaceutical equipment.

LEG. BISHOP:

And is this our money, or is this the federal government's money?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

It's 100% federal government.

LEG. BISHOP:

All right. Thank you very much, I appreciate that.

LEG. O'LEARY:

It's already been funded.

LEG. BISHOP:

I got it now. I didn't understand it, now I do.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Counsel, I think, has a comment on this.

MS. KNAPP:

Maybe, I'm just not sure if I'm looking at the right one. This talks about the purchase of three heavy•duty minimum three•quarter ton four•wheel drive pickup trucks with towing packages; is it the same?

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Yeah.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah.

MS. KNAPP:

Okay.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

All right. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor?

LEG. BISHOP:

This time it's a Ford Escort with a •• how I get the idea.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Opposed? Resolution is ***approved (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***.

COMMISSIONER FISCHLER:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I.R. 1969 • Accepting donation of a vehicle to the Suffolk County Police Department (Co. Exec). This is from Metropolitan Insurance Company. Motion by Legislator Losquadro,

second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

On the motion.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

If we could just find out what color it is, this way, if it's behind us, we know.

LEG. BISHOP:

What is it?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

It's a Pontiac Firebird.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

It's a Firebird, it's got to be red. Okay.

LEG. BISHOP:

All the insurance companies are corrupt, so why don't we ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Pending color confirmation, we have a motion and a second to approve.

Oh, you know what color it is?

AUDIENCE MEMBER:

I can answer that.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, I wouldn't •• I wouldn't ••

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

No, don't tell us. That would be bad.

LEG. O'LEARY:

No. Being that there's a potentiality of this being used as an undercover vehicle, the less information the ••

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Thank you very much, Legislators O'Leary, it's a very good point.

LEG. O'LEARY:

We don't need the color.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I don't know. Nonpayment of premium. Okay. We have a motion and a second. And all those in favor? Opposed? It is ***approved (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***.

1985 • Naming the new Sixth Precinct in Selden the "Daniel P. Guido Building" (Co. Exec). Is there a motion?

LEG. LINDSAY:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion by Legislator Lindsay, second by Legislator Bishop. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. NOWICK:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Motion to table by Legislator Nowick, second by Legislator O'Leary. All those in favor?

LEG. BISHOP:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

On the motion.

LEG. BISHOP:

What's the basis of tabling? I've never heard of a naming for somebody who's passed who served honorably being tabled.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Publicly, I agree, his service is very honorable. For the public record, I think it would be more appropriate for the Second Precinct be named for Daniel Guido, rather than the Sixth Precinct.

LEG. BISHOP:

Why?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Because that's where he resided.

LEG. BISHOP:

But he was the Commissioner of the entire County.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yes.

LEG. BISHOP:

He served people throughout the County.

LEG. O'LEARY:

I understand that, but there was no thought given into the location and the people that live in that area of what their concerns are.

LEG. BISHOP:

Do you think that the people are offended in the •• who are in the Sixth Precinct catchment area by the naming of the precinct after a Commissioner?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, as I •• as I indicated to the Commissioner, there is some •• there is some opposition to this particular initiative in that area.

LEG. BISHOP:

From whom? Where is that opposition?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, how about the •• for starters, the Legislator representing that area and various civic organizations that function ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Who's the Legislator who represents that area?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Our Presiding Officer.

LEG. BISHOP:

And he's opposed to it, and he said so on the record?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Not on the record.

LEG. BISHOP:

Or he said so somewhere. I mean, I've never heard it, that's why I'm saying it.

LEG. O'LEARY:

As I indicated, there was some presumption on the part of the Commissioner coming forward with this proposal without touching base with certain individuals, and that's the community, for starters, and the Legislator who covers that area, secondly.

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, if you have the votes to table it, you know, you're going to do it. I just hope that the Guido Family doesn't find out about it ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

Well, no, I'm not ••

LEG. BISHOP:

•• because it would be a terrible insult. I've never heard of such a thing that we've ever done something like that. But, if it's a matter of protocols, you know, and you feel you have to table it, go ahead. I just think it's a terrible precedent. We certainly didn't do it with people who are still alive, and I have no problem with naming things after people who are still alive ••

LEG. O'LEARY:

No. I understand the circumstances here, but ••

LEG. BISHOP:

•• that, you know, similar, you know, Police Commissioners, and so on.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Yeah, but the one individual, namely the Police Commissioner, has taken it upon himself to do this without consultation with others that should have been involved in the process.

LEG. BISHOP:

It's a duly filed resolution, it's not like he went out there and tacked up the sign without notification. It comes before the Legislature. There was ample time to communicate and work out whatever feathers were ruffled. I don't think that the resolution should be tabled.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. Well, then I guess we can •• we can ••

LEG. BISHOP:

I think it's an insult to the family. And the man served honorably and, by all accounts that I've heard, well, and I think that's, you know, kind of petty, frankly.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Well, you know, as the Chairman of the Committee, I don't get the sense that anyone is questioning the honor of his service. Far be it from that, I think the record will reflect that

everyone basically recognizes that he did serve this County admirably. But there has been a resolution •• I mean, a motion to table and a second, and I'm going to call the vote. All those in favor of the tabling?

LEG. O'LEARY:

Aye.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Opposed to tabling?

LEG. LINDSAY:

Opposed.

LEG. BISHOP:

Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. We have four and two opposed. The resolution is ***tabled (Vote: 4•2•0•0)***.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Next, move to ***1987 • Authorizing the Sheriff's Office to increase its fleet by ten (10) marked vehicles for the twenty (20) additional Deputy Sheriffs hired for the Law Enforcement Division (Carpenter)***. I'll make that motion to approve.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Second.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is ***approved (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***.

I.R. 1989 • Amending the Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in

connection • •

LEG. LINDSAY:

We did that one.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Oh, right. I do want to make a motion again to approve, because we did not make a motion before to take it out of order, lest there be some technical violation that we have committed. So, we will make another motion to approve, and that was Legislator O'Leary, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? That resolution is ***approved (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***.

TABLED SENSE RESOLUTION

And we have ***Sense 71 • (Memorializing resolution) requesting the United States Congress to support the extension of the Violent Crime Control Act of 1994 (Viloria •Fisher)***. This has been tabled once already. Is there a motion?

LEG. LINDSAY:

Is that the assault weapon?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Uh•huh.

LEG. O'LEARY:

Isn't that a moot point?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Moot point. Okay, fails for lack of a motion.

LEG. BISHOP:

I'll make a motion. I don't want it to fail for lack of a motion.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Okay. We have a motion to table?

LEG. BISHOP:

Table subject to call.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Table subject to call, that's a good motion, and that would be second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? Resolution is ***tabled subject to call (Vote: 6•0•0•0)***. The committee meeting is ••

MS. SULLIVAN:

We need to address 1970?

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

I'm sorry.

MS. SULLIVAN:

We need to address 1970?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

It was adopted by CN.

MS. SULLIVAN:

Oh, okay, it was •• I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

It's not on my agenda. Also, just for the record, I had received a copy of some statistics, and right now, the jail population is at an all•time high of seventeen hundred and sixteen, and the cost to date this month of housing the out•of•state •• I mean, the prisoners in out•of•County is at \$740,000. So, as we move forward with the budget ••

LEG. BISHOP:

Need for alternatives.

CHAIRPERSON CARPENTER:

Definitely. That's why those Probation people are so important, Legislator Bishop.

Okay. We have a motion, then, to adjourn. And Public Works will be starting promptly at three. Thank you.

[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:23 P.M.]

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